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SUBJECT KRISHNA MENON'S VIEWS ON INDIAN RELATIONS  
WITH KHRUSHCHEV AND UNDERGROUND ATOMIC  
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1. IN A HALF-HOUR EXPOSITION OF THE INDIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD  
KHRUSHCHEV [redacted] DEFMIN KRISHNA MENON MADE THE FOLLOWING  
POINTS:

A. THE ONLY WAY TO USE KHRUSHCHEV TO GOOD PURPOSE IN THE EAST-  
WEST CONFLICT IS TO REMAIN ON FRIENDLY TERMS, AND THEREBY BE IN A  
POSITION TO EXERT SOME INFLUENCE, HOWEVER LIMITED, ON HIM. BOTH  
NEHRU'S AND MENON'S LINE IS: DON'T UPSET KHRUSHCHEV. "YOU CAN INFLUENCE  
HIM ONLY BY NOT BEING AGAINST HIM EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ON HIS SIDE".

B. ON THE MORE LIMITED ISSUE OF INDIA'S NATIONAL SECURITY  
KHRUSHCHEV IS THE ONLY MEANS OF INFLUENCING PEIPING, AND THUS PROVIDE  
THE ONLY TANGIBLE DETERRENT TO AN AGGRESSIVE CHICOM POLICY. NEHRU

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LOOKS UPON THE PROBLEM OF DEALING WITH CHINA AS A LONG PROCESS OF UNDERMINING CHINA'S POSITION IN ASIA, AND THE ONLY WAY HE CAN DO THIS IS THROUGH MOSCOW.

2. MENON REITERATED HIS POSITION THAT UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS ARE AS DANGEROUS AS ATMOSPHERIC TESTS, AND SAID HE HAD MADE THIS STATEMENT ON THE SCIENTIFIC ADVICE OF DR KOTHARI ( / .   COMMENT: NOW CHAIRMAN UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION; FORMERLY SCIENTIFIC ADVISER TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE WHERE HE WAS LARGELY CONCERNED WITH ORDNANCE PRODUCTION).

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